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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR BALANCE BUFFALO 05-1

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¶B. B. STATE 05918

¶1. Embassy verifies that as of this date the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by any of the Bangladesh armed forces units identified to participate in Balance Buffalo 05-1, 7 February - 11 March 2005. The units are:

Bangladesh Army

- 1st Para Commando Battalion

Bangladesh Navy

- Chittagong Naval Command

¶2. Human Rights Officer, Charlene Wang, certifies the above statement.

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